shall from that time forward have all the rights and responsibilities of a party to the proceeding.

### §10.34 Limited participation.

(a) Petitions for leave to be heard. Any person may, in the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge, be given leave to be heard in any proceeding as to any matter affecting his interests. Petitions for leave to be heard shall be in writing, shall set forth (1) the nature and extent of the applicant's interest in the proceeding; (2) the issues on which he wishes to participate; and (3) in what manner he wishes to participate. The Administrative Law Judge may direct any person requesting leave to be heard to submit himself to examination as to his interest in the proceeding.

(b) Rights of a participant. Leave to be heard pursuant to §10.34(a) may include such rights of a party as the Administrative Law Judge may deem appropriate, except that oral argument before the Commission may be permitted only by the Commission.

### § 10.35 Permission to state views.

Any person may, in the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge be permitted to file a memorandum or make an oral statement of his views, and the Administrative Law Judge may, in his discretion, accept for the record written communications received from any person.

#### § 10.36 Commission review of rulings.

Interlocutory review by the Commission of a ruling as to matters within the scope of §10.33, §10.34 or §10.35 may be sought in accordance with the procedures set forth in §10.101 of these rules without certification by the Administrative Law Judge.

# Subpart D—Prehearing Procedures; Prehearing Conferences; Discovery; Depositions

## § 10.41 Prehearing conferences; procedural matters.

In any proceeding the Administrative Law Judge may direct that one or more conferences be held for the purpose of:

- (a) Clarifying issues;
- (b) Examining the possibility of obtaining stipulations, admissions of fact and of authenticity or contents of documents:
- (c) Determining matters of which official notice may be taken;
- (d) Discussing amendments to pleadings;
- (e) Limiting the number of witnesses;
- (f) Considering objections to the introduction of documentary evidence and the testimony of witnesses identified in prehearing materials filed or otherwise furnished by the parties pursuant to §10.42:
- (g) Discussing adoption of shortened procedures pursuant to §10.92;
- (h) Promoting a fair and expeditious hearing.

At or following the conclusion of a prehearing conference, the Administrative Law Judge shall serve a prehearing memorandum containing agreements reached and any procedural determinations made by him, unless the conference shall have been recorded and transcribed in written form and a copy of the transcript has been made available to each party.

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### § 10.42 Discovery.

- (a) Prehearing materials—(1) In general. Unless otherwise ordered by an Administrative Law Judge, the parties to a proceeding shall furnish to all other parties to the proceeding on or before a date set by the Administrative Law Judge in the form of a prehearing memorandum or otherwise:
- (i) An outline of its case or defense;
- (ii) The legal theories upon which it will rely;
- (iii) The identity, and the city and state of residence, of each witness, other than an expert witness, who is expected to testify on its behalf, along with a brief summary of the matters to be covered by the witness's expected testimony;
- (iv) A list of documents which it intends to introduce at the hearing, along with copies of any such documents which the other parties do not already have in their possession and to